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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM

(SACRAMENTO) -- California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Director Sandra Shewry today announced an experienced team that will lead the newly created DHCS in its efforts to protect and promote the health status of Californians through the financing and delivery of individual health care services. DHCS officially came into existence on July 1, 2007, as part of the reorganization of the former Department of Health Services.

"We have assembled a strong team that will provide the direction and leadership required to effectively implement our mission and better serve the people of California," said Shewry. "I am excited and honored to lead this new department."

In addition to Shewry, the DHCS management team includes:

Stan Rosenstein*, Chief Deputy Director, Health Care Programs

Karen Johnson*, Chief Deputy Director, Policy and Program Support

Toby Douglas*, Deputy Director, Health Care Policy

Katie Trueworthy*, Deputy Director, Legislative and Government Affairs

Michael Bowman*, Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs

Ellie Birnbaum*, Special Assistant to the Director

Rene Mollow, Associate Director

Beth Fife, Chief, Utilization Management Division

Vivian Auble, Chief, Medi-Cal Eligibility Division

Luis Rico, Chief, Systems of Care Division

Irvin White, Jr., Chief, Benefits, Waivers Analysis and Rates Division

Pilar Williams, Chief, Pharmacy Benefits Division

Jeff Blackmon, Chief, Third Party Liability and Recovery Division

Doug Robins, Chief, Provider Enrollment Division

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Terri Thorfinnson*, Chief, Office of Women's Health
Carolyn Pierson, Chief, Office of Multicultural Health
Larry Dickey, M.D., Chief, Office of Clinical Preventive Medicine
Dean Lan, Deputy Director, Office of Civil Rights
Nancy Hutchison, Chief, Safety Net Financing
Sam Wilburn, Chief, Primary and Rural Health
Vanessa Baird*, Chief, Medi-Cal Managed Care
Jerry Stanger, Chief, Fiscal Intermediary and Contracts Oversight
Mark Hutchinson, Deputy Director, Administration
David Botelho, Deputy Director, Audits and Investigations
Christy Quinlan, Deputy Director, Information Technology Services
Robert O'Neill, Chief, Office of HIPAA Compliance
Mark Helmar, Deputy Director, Long-Term Care, Office of HIPAA Compliance
Sharon Stevenson*, Chief Counsel and Deputy Director, Office of Legal Services

* Represents a gubernatorial appointment.

DHCS finances and administers a number of individual health care service delivery programs, including Medi-Cal, California Children's Services, the Child Health and Disability Prevention Program and the Office of Long-Term Care, that touch the lives of seven million Californians.

"We are committed to using the expertise and purchasing power of DHCS to improve the performance of the health care delivery system in order to maximize taxpayer investments and improve the health status of Californians," said Shewry.

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